

Great State Movement In Child Welfare Work

Michigan Fraternalists Organize to Make a State-Wide Survey of Entire State and Outline Plan for Effective Co-operative Work.

Detroit—What promises to be the greatest child welfare movement in history was launched in Detroit, Thursday, July 15th, at the Hotel Statler, when at the call of officials of the Michigan Fraternal Congress and others, a conference was held comprising every activity, large and small, public and private, in fraternal, charity, welfare and better citizenship movements in the state.

The proposal of the Michigan Fraternal Congress to promote this movement and endeavor to unite all of the units in the state into a single effort for the child, was pronounced by Hastings H. Hart, director of the Russell Sage Foundation, New York City, as the most important and significant in the history of welfare work.

About three hundred persons were present at the conference, each in a majority of cases, representing some very potent influence, either throughout the state or in some particular district. These included the Fraternal Beneficiary societies of the state and other fraternal societies, in all comprising about seven hundred thousand members; state officials, state boards, institutional boards, hospital boards, welfare leagues and societies, charities organizations, playground and recreation commissions, disease prevention movements, in fact all boards, societies, clubs, organizations engaged or interested in any uplift work in the state.

Prominent Speakers.

Among the speakers at the conference, besides Mr. Hart, the New York expert, were: Dr. William A. Wilson, superintendent of the Florence Crittenden Home in Detroit; Grant H. Slocum, founder and Supreme Secretary of the Ancient Order of Gleaners, Detroit; William E. Brown, Lapeer, president of the Michigan Fraternal Congress; D. B. Montgomery, superintendent of the state schools at Coldwater; Ira W. Jayne, superintendent of the Play-Ground and Recreation Commission, Detroit; Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane, Kalamazoo, National Red Cross Society; Dr. John L. Burkhardt, secretary of the State Board of Health; Mrs. Orton H. Clark, president of the Michigan Equal Suffrage Association, Kalamazoo; Miss Bina M. West, Supreme Commander of the Women's Benefit Association of the Maccabees, Port Huron; Stewart Hanley, vice president of the Michigan Fraternal Congress and a member of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, and others of equal prominence.

At a "round table" about fifty of the brightest minds in the state engaged in a spirited discussion and all promised the hearty co-operation of the units they represented in a general organization in which would be co-ordinated all interests engaged in child welfare work.

It was decided to effect a permanent organization and make a complete survey of the conditions in the state and report the same at a conference to be held late in the fall at which time sessions covering three days will be held, outlining plans for the carrying out of the work.

The officers of the organization and the executive committee are: President—Dr. William A. Wilson. Secretary—Mark T. McKee. Executive Committee.

Grant H. Slocum, chairman, Detroit, supreme secretary, Ancient Order of Gleaners; Rt. Rev. Charles D.

Williams, Episcopal Bishop Eastern Michigan Diocese; Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, Detroit, Michigan Federation Women's Clubs; Mrs. E. L. Calkins, Battle Creek, President, State W. C. T. U.; Mrs. O. H. Clark, President, Michigan Equal Suffrage Association; Arthur J. Tuttle, Detroit, Judge U. S. District Court; Henry L. Hulbert, Judge, Detroit Juvenile Court; George L. Lusk, Bay City, Grand Master, Michigan F. & A. M.; Clyde I. Webster, Detroit, U. S. District Attorney; Wellington R. Burt, Saginaw, philanthropist; Myles F. Gray, Lansing, Grand Master, I. O. O. F.; A. G. Studer, General Secretary, Detroit Y. M. C. A.; Mrs. Hattie R. Parsons, Union City, Worthy Grand Matron, O. E. S.; Henry M. Leland, Detroit, philanthropist; William E. Brown, Lapeer, President, Michigan Fraternal Congress; Miss Bina West, Supreme Commander, Ladies of the Maccabees of the World; Ira W. Jayne, Detroit,

Superintendent, Detroit Recreation Commission; Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane, National Red Cross Society; A. H. Gansser, Bay City, State Senator; L. D. Dickinson, Charlotte, Lieutenant Governor, Michigan; Mrs. A. H. Roberts, Marquette, President, Marquette Welfare League; Mrs. Jennie Buell, Ann Arbor, Secretary Michigan State Grange; John L. Burkhardt, Lansing, Secretary Michigan Board of Health; Arthur H. Vandenberg, Grand Rapids, Editor, Grand Rapids Herald; Stewart Hanley, Detroit, State Board of Corrections and Charities; Mrs. Francis Burns, St. Louis, Great Commander, L. O. T. M. M.; D. B. Montgomery, Coldwater, Superintendent State Public Schools; Fred L. Keeler, State Superintendent Public Instruction, Lansing; Mrs. T. C. Greenwood, Detroit Twentieth Century Club; Clarence A. Lightner, George Junior Republic, Ford Republic, Detroit.—By Mark T. McKee.

Current Events

By Paul Leake

Howard Elliott president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad says the day is coming when the great labor organizations will be regulated in the same way as big corporations.

Henry Ford on the Fourth of July was host to the villagers of Dearborn where he spent his childhood. The celebration cost the great automobile manufacturer \$50,000. He has just completed a \$40,000 summer home there.

A giant aeroplane designed by Glenn Curtiss is being built at the Canadian Curtiss plant for Great Britain. It will have a wing sweep of 75 feet, will be 320 horse power and will carry 2,000 pounds.

German military authorities are said to have developed an aerial torpedo that can be directed by Hertzian rays from the deck of a Zeppelin dirigible balloon.

Bismuth deposits have been discovered in New Mexico, which are said to be the largest in the United States.

Rear Admiral Taylor, chief constructor of the navy, has perfected a heavy chain net to be used by dreadnoughts as protection against torpedos.

Reports from Dresden, Germany, tell of successful experiments in increasing the yield of gardens by heating the earth with waste heat from factories and industrial establishments. Fruit and vegetables grown under this condition have attained from 10 to 100 per cent greater size than those grown in unheated ground.

Owing to "the business depression" a Huntington, W. Va., judge declines to fine drunks more than \$1.00 each.

W. A. Fishback, of South St. Paul, Minn., announces that he will not have his hair cut until the European war ends.

It is estimated that near 300,000 feet or more than 55,000 miles of film are used annually to satisfy the world's demand for moving pictures.

It was formerly the practice of English police inspectors to request a man charged with drunkenness to say "truly rural."

A wise housewife says: "To keep a tea kettle from rusting keep an oyster shell in it. The shell should be taken out occasionally and brushed."

The English Lee-Medford rifles carry 10 cartridges in the magazines as against 5 in the German Mauser rifle.

There is no capital punishment in Italy.

According to statistics, one man out of every 48 in England and Wales is a pauper.

Austria boasts a tree 480 feet high.

It is stated there is not an old maid in Turkey.

The trade of the United States with Canada in 1914 amounted to \$452,450,324.

Because Miss Frances Whitney, aged 62, of St. Louis, keeps 20 cats in her home, her friends want her mental condition investigated.

L. C. Kennedy of St. Paul has invented a device which will enable riflemen to aim correctly at a distance of a mile or more.

Wireless messages are now being sent from Honolulu to Japan, a distance of 3,400 miles.

Government experts assert that an easily reaped crop of kelp, which grows along the Pacific coast, can be made to yield six times as much potash annually as this country imports from Germany.

Hillsdale—C. H. Ranney has resigned as assistant cashier of the Hillsdale Savings bank to become state auditor for the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance company, with offices in Detroit, and will begin his new duties August 1.

Holt—Myles F. Gray, grandmaster of the Michigan Odd Fellows, points out the Holt lodge as one of the most enterprising and ideal lodges of the 600 in the state. The Holt lodge was instituted five years ago with but a small membership. "This lodge," says Grand Master Gray, "is accomplishing a big purpose; that of making itself the social center of a community. Its activities are many and its enterprise untiring. An indication of its substantiality is the fact that, although it has been organized but five years and has a membership limited to possibly a half hundred, it has built two halls. The first one built burned down, and the members immediately started subscriptions to erect another. This record has scarcely been equaled, considering its membership, in Odd Fellow history of the state."

Owosso—A meeting soon will be held in Owosso for the organization of a local branch of the Holstein-Friesian Breeders of America. There are now about 50 breeders of Holstein cattle in the county. Many fine Holsteins have been shipped from Shawassaw. The great cow, Valvessa Scott 2d, which for some time held the world's record, was bred and owned by B. E. Hardy, of Owosso township. It is expected there will be 100 head of Holsteins exhibited at the county fair in Owosso in September.

Monroe—Twenty years ago Henry Cooley, then a lad of 10 years, at the death of his father was placed in St. Joseph's orphanage. He was apprenticed to a farmer and went to North Dakota, thence to New York and finally to Jackson, where he married. Through Postmaster Cooley, of Monroe, he found his mother and sister, Mrs. William Boss, of this city, after the long separation.

Hastings—Proceedings will be started toward the condemnation of a portion of a city park here for a high school building site.

Port Huron—Cecil E. Whitney, of this city has been awarded a prize of \$100 by the American Association of International Conciliation for the best essay on American policy.

Kalamazoo—Robert L. Farman, the insane man who created terror in Hillsdale county in 1907 when officers were trying to bring him to the state hospital, has escaped from the asylum and no trace has been found of him.

Ann Arbor—W. A. Franklin, '16 engineering student in the University of Michigan, is in a hospital here in a critical condition with pneumonia. He was brought home from the engineering camp at Douglass lake and his mother has been summoned.

Cadillac—Mrs. Mary Synder, 85, who came to Michigan 70 years ago, died at her home in Cadillac following a stroke of paralysis.

Muskegon—Local fishermen and others who come here for the perch fishing from Grand Rapids, are planning to test the new game law which goes into effect August 24, and which limits a single catch of perch to 25.

Battle Creek—Dr. R. M. Gubbins, one of the oldest practicing physicians in southern Michigan, is in a critical condition at the sanitarium, following an operation for gallstones. Until last fall Gubbins has lived at Ceresco.

Holland—The Western Michigan Interdenominational Holiness Camp Meeting association will hold its fourth annual session at Hopkins, Allegan county, August 19 to 29.

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SHORT NEWS STORIES FROM ALL OVER OUR STATE

Grand Rapids—A civil service examination for local and assistant boiler inspector, will be held at the local post office, September 15 and 16. An examination for fireman-laborer in the postoffice building in this city will be conducted August 14, and August 18 and 19 an examination for marine engine and boiler draftsman will be held.

Lansing—The state railroad commission has approved the application of the Consumers' Power company of Maine, the holding company for the Commonwealth companies in Michigan, for permission to become a Michigan corporation and to issue \$32,500,000 in bonds. The commission has an appraisal of the physical properties of the company in Michigan made and found that they are valued at \$32,814,000.

Grand Rapids—A number of Michigan's prominent fraternalists will journey to Minneapolis to attend, during the week of August 23rd, the sessions of the National Fraternal Congress of America. The Michigan Fraternal Congress which is the strongest state organization in existence, will be given due recognition.

Ann Arbor—"The more untrue to life these modern pictorial agonies, the 'movies,' can be made, the more likely are they to receive the hearty approval of our so-called boards of censorship," declared Professor John Brumm of the rhetoric department of the University of Michigan in a digression during an appeal for better fiction.

Ann Arbor—Rhodes scholarship examinations will be held at the University of Michigan, October 5 and 6. A three-year scholarship at Oxford university, England, will go to the best student.

Adrian—Leon Mominie, three years old, was seriously injured when his father ran over him with a mower. The child fell asleep in a barley field and did not hear the mower coming.

Grand Rapids—Fraternal societies in Michigan will participate in the World's Insurance Congress, to be held in San Francisco, October 4th to 15th, 1915. About twenty-five delegates from Michigan will attend.

Grand Rapids—Notices have been received in Michigan announcing that the insurance of members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will not be invalidated by travel through those sections prescribed as the European war zone.

Ludington—Booster day for the student military camp here netted approximately \$350 in receipts from field day exercises held to defray city's expenses for the camp. A picked camp team defeated the city league team, 9 to 8.

Grand Rapids—A movement has been started for a municipal athletic field for baseball and all other purposes.

Ludington—In a race with death Elbert Keene, one of the officers of the Ludington Lumber company, arrived at Spencer, Ind., too late to see his mother alive. His wife is ill at Paulina Stearns hospital here.